

## **Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2015**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order by CAC member Bob Joiner at 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Members Present</b>	John Beacham Lorraine Gresser Steven Maas Don Skoglund	Leslie Bender Bob Joiner Joan Masberg	Stephen Gill Tim Klevar Joe Piket
<b>Members Absent</b>	Harry Kennedy and Kevin Rebman		
<b>Others Present</b>	Citizens Advisory Committee Candidates: Jon Burgard, Adam Bedard, Karen Nickolauson, Andrew Ramsey, Katie Cohen, Ted Lyons, Nkechi Anyamele, Meg Miller, Dre Monseth, Brett Freeseman, Karen Heiden, Bill Henke, and Stephanie Walvatne		
<b>Area Reports</b>	None.		
<b>CAC New Member Interviews</b>	<p>The group discussed the interview process for the 13 candidates. After the interviews, the three interview panels will select their top two candidates. Mike Opatz reviewed the interview schedule with the committee. The request was made for the panels to keep track of time to stay on schedule.</p> <p>The committee split into the three interview panels with each working from a different conference room at the Government Center. Interviews with CAC candidates took place from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. The committee came back together at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the CAC candidates and subsequent interviews.</p> <p>The panel of Bob Joiner, Lorraine Gresser and Stephen Gill stated their two top candidates were Nkechi Anyamele and John Burgard.</p> <p>The panel of Don Skoglund, Leslie Bender and Tim Klevar stated their two top candidates were Stephanie Walvatne and Meg Miller.</p> <p>The panel of Joan Masberg, Joe Piket, Steven Maas, and John Beacham stated their two top candidates were Karen Nickolauson and Katie Cohen.</p> <p>The committee talked about the experiences, qualities and backgrounds of their selections as well as those citizens who were interviewed.</p> <p>Discussion took place about possibly recommending one or more of the candidates who were not selected for CAC if it was felt they would be a strong candidate for the Park Board. The comment was made that Bill Henke might be a possible candidate for Park Board. In addition, the</p>		

name Karen Nickolauson was considered a possibility if she was not selected for CAC.

Discussion took place on the CAC candidates, and the need for the committee to think about how the new candidates would fit in with the group. In addition, they may also wish to consider any overlap if candidates live near current members. Review and brief discussion took place about where the six finalists lived. The question was asked if the group wants to make location an overriding factor versus candidates' qualities, abilities and backgrounds. The question was also asked if any CAC members were concerned about their area being under represented. A brief general discussion took place.

Motion made to consider all six of the applicants selected by the Committee-- Nkechi Anyamele, John Burgard, Stephanie Walvatne, Meg Miller, Karen Nickolauson and Katie Cohen. This recommendation will be made to Mayor Steffenson and Councilmember Johnson and then presented to the City Council for approval.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee were approved.

**Other Business**

The January meeting will be a discussion on the presentations from the athletic associations. CAC will put together possible recommendations to the City as well as a summary of their thoughts. Mike Opatz will send out the presentations from the various athletic associations as well as the CAC minutes from those meetings. CAC members will provide their observations and suggestions via email to Mike Opatz in advance so the group has something to review at the January meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris  
Minute Secretary